

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003.

Claims 1-15 are now in the application. Claims 15 is allowed.

The rejected claims 1, 6 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 2-5 and 8-9 have been amended to depend on the allowed claim 15.

Claims 12-14 have been canceled to overcome the objection under 37 CFR 1.75(c) raised in the Office Action.

New claims 16-18 have been introduced to overcome claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) set forth in the office action.

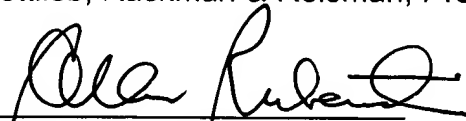
It is respectfully submitted that in light of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks the present case is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any fee associated with the filing of this communication to the Deposit Account No.07-1730, Docket No. 3415-056. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached for that purpose.

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